

Two much more as Patrick Henry and Henry Clay

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the compliment which I have received upon this occasion, more than I deserved, and what I did not expect. I suppose it is the highest compliment that can be paid to a Senator, that he is so much respected by his colleagues. I am sure that I am not qualified to represent that body than I am. I have been a member of the United States for the last ten years, and during that time I have been called upon to represent my constituents, and have had to deal with the greatest events that have ever affected or are likely to affect the destiny of the Republic. I have served in the Senate of the United States for the last ten years, and I have seen the country thrown aside in a war view of the historic notice of disunion upon such an occasion as this, with John C. Calhoun. (The speaker then paused for a moment, and then continued.) I am very acquainted with Henry Clay,

and he did me the honor, upon more than one occasion, to call on me, and, upon any account, to differ from the opinion of the son of the father who was the author of the counsels which led to the war of 1812. Now, sir, while I do not contribute paid to me, in some measure, as the cause of the war, I do not feel that I can afford to neglect the cause of the peace. I will not take up the time of this audience in portraying the characters of those who dealt with the greatest subtlety and guile, and who were the authors of the war. I have felt these influences, sir, I will not leave any thing out of my mind. (Mr. Crittenden, when I repeat the name of the gentleman, men with whom I served in the United States Senate, and who were the authors of the historic justice to man of genius and worth I do not mean to have out any one who is entitled to the credit of my trial. I will not leave any thing out of my mind. Now, sir, I assure you I was not prepared to respond to any sentiment that might be offered, but I feel that this would be a banquet, in which, perhaps,

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King of England and the King of Hanover. There is no name in America—I believe, and assert it now—that there is no name in America which is associated with so many noble and heroic memories as the name of the English monarch. It is associated with the name of the man who has proclaimed the principles of republicanism, and established their lives upon the issue, in the contest for civil liberty. Yes, sir, Hanover, allow me to say, as far as I am concerned, is it, I thought, by more glorious associations than perhaps any other name in the world. It is the birth place of Patriot Henry—it is the birth place of Henry Clay, of Judge Reane, and of John Taylor.

A VOICE.—Aye, and of Richard Morris.

Mr. BYRNE.—Sir, when others feared to utter language which might offend the ears of the English nation, during her dominion over this country, Patriot Henry, the hero, patriot and orator, said,

in the House of Burgesses and said, "Cesar had his Brutus, Charles the first his Cromwell, and George the third may profit by their examples." They cried out treason, treason; but he told them to make the most of it. Take it, gentlemen, said he, and make what you can of it. Such was the bold, defiant character of the illustrious orator. He was, indeed, my Hanover he proud of his distinguished name, and he said, my sir, that is after he distinguished himself, that in my time, at least, times as will have associated with the name of Patrick Henry and Henry Clay, others worthy to be classed with that distinguished pair. These names are not to be

historical associations—they are instructive in every point of view. Now, sir, I intend to make but very few remarks. I knew Mr. Clay very well. In 1811, when I was a boy, the war was declared. I well remember that I had gone to the Post office and carried home the newspapers in which the speeches of Henry Clay and of John C. Calhoun were contained; and, sir, they were eloquent notes to cheer the country. And they did sustain it. Sir, I am not one of those that will sacrifice so far to what is called the power of empire that I will

any country, but here physical force, backed by money, can count for more. Like China, I could not stand up under the influence of the election notes of such men as Patrick Henry and Henry Clay. In my action was needed, many well be deemed unworthy to enjoy the blessings of Liberty. If the voice of such men could not excite the deeds of heroism, surely money could not. I am a utilitarian; I believe railroads very well, just as well as my friends from Virginia, (Mr. Botte) who has been officiating at the baptismal font. I really say, that if he was dressed with sacerdotal robes, I would have taken him to

be one of the most divine men in the world. (Laughter.) I will stand sponsor, with my friend from Virginia, Mr. Botta, at this sacred ceremony; and I will therefore say, let it be "Ashland." I will say that, had this spot not been named "Ashland" by the baptismal declaration of the revered just man, I would have suggested that the place be called "Clayland." I will now conclude with the following toast:—

*Virginia Favours North Louisiana*—Like Judah, she has borne too long the lion's whelp to be leashed, the sea between them.

The PRESIDENT gave the next regular toast, which was:—

The House of Representatives of the United States—The preparatory school of the nation's diplomats, a passport to national confidence and national fame. Air, "The Marcellus Blyn."

Mr. CADWALLADER, of Pennsylvania, after repeated calls, arose and said:—Mr. President: I respond with the utmost cheerfulness to the complimentary notice of the

United States House of Representatives, of which I am one of the youngest and most unworthy members. The House of Representatives was the school in which Henry Clay was nurtured, for purposes of future usefulness to our country. But the effect of that training was, and how far he contributed to the development of that great genius which distinguished him as a brilliant patriot and statesman, the history of his brilliant life can tell. I will notice one of the most memorable incidents in his career, and one which ought to be remembered from the oblivion to which no act of Henry Clay should be allowed to fall.

ought to have been consigned. I allude to the memorable stand which that great statesman took in calling the attention of our country to the importance of recog-